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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 504  
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the fifth grade class of Prescott Central Middle School in Crossville for their exemplary participation in the "NASA Connect" instructional television program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable teachers and students who have dedicated their time and efforts to improving and enhancing the educational systems of this great state; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding teachers, administration, and fifth grade students at Prescott Central Middle School in Crossville represented their community with great distinction on the "NASA Connect" television program that airs on the Public Broadcasting System; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-five Cookeville students in Marlin Weaver's fifth grade class were not even born when humans first walked on the moon, fueling national interest in math and science; and

WHEREAS, during March and February 2000, a television audience of over 100,000 people will watch these local students play their own roles in illustrating how math, science, and technology help people reach for the stars; and

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WHEREAS, the award winning "NASA Connect" is a NASA-produced television series based in Hampton, Virginia at the Langley Research Center's Office of Education; the series is designed to partner with schools in order to share real science with our young people; and

WHEREAS, the episode in which the Prescott students star is entitled "Proportionality: the X-Plane Generation" and focuses on ratios, proportion, scaling, measurement and systematic investigation; and

WHEREAS, during this episode, the Prescott fifth graders learn how to use a scale model as an engineering tool while the program also features NASA's X-33 experimental aircraft, which is part of the X-vehicle program designed to demonstrate technologies and operations aimed at lowering launch costs; and

WHEREAS, the presence of the camera crews, the assistance of University of Tennessee undergraduate volunteers, and the valuable instruction from NASA representatives all combined to make this experience an unforgettable event for the fifth grade class; and

WHEREAS, the first broadcast of this "NASA Connect" episode was on February 17, 2000, and will be re-aired on Thursday March 9, 2000; and

WHEREAS, NASA also presented a workshop at Prescott Central Middle School which ten science teachers attended: Steve Jones, Sue Ann Stewart, Jim Ellis, Tara Witcher, Nancy Garner, Karen Sallee, Kelly Davis, Laura Brown, Marlin Weaver, and Alicia Ray; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Fitzpatrick, the principal of the school stated, "We are really honored to be able to showcase Prescott this way"; teachers Ronnie Manis, Alicia Ray, and Marlin Weaver aided in the actual class presentation; and

WHEREAS, each of Mr. Weaver's fifth grade students appeared on the show: Amanda Adams, Eli Akers, Cammy Allison, Javin Bell, Chris Bilbrey, Zack Brown, Randy Childress, Edward Crawley, Jackie Duncan, Jonathan Elmore, Keelie Elrod, Eric Emery, Ying Fan, Caitlan Jared, Barbara Johnson, Ben Johnson, Luis Matias, Jessica Paul, Becky Reilly, Landon Rice, Cameron Rogers, Rachel Tallent, Greg Roberts, Taylor Smith, and Elise Wolf; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these exceptional students, and teachers, as they are a tremendous source of pride for their school and community, and this state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the Prescott Central Middle School fifth grade students, teachers, and administration for representing the state with great distinction during their appearance on the highly acclaimed "NASA Connect" television series, and we extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.